



Preparing to bag prey safely—hunter education class readies hopefuls



See Pages A16, A17

Photo by Michael Collins

Inside



Photo by Lilly Wise

Marksmanship

Interactive training hones marksmanship skills.

See page A11



Photo by Thom Williams

Sports

Fall season starts up.

See page B1



Photo by Joan Vasey

Concert

36th Army Band wows crowd.

See page B2

TRADOC sends Labor Day weekend safety message

Labor Day is a holiday for special recognition of the achievements of the American workforce, a yearly national tribute for contributions made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country. It is also the last long weekend of the summer season and affords Soldiers, civilian workers and their families the additional time for travel and to enjoy other recreational activities.

With your help, we can make this Labor Day Weekend a safe and enjoyable one. Since October 2005, TRADOC has lost 17 Soldiers in accidental deaths. Privately owned vehicles were involved in 14 of these fatalities, and of those, almost half involved

motorcycles. Nearly all of these deaths could have been prevented had the victims taken proper precautions or operated their vehicles in a safe manner. I'm asking you to identify at-risk behavior among those in your organization and take action as necessary, including the use of ASMIS 2 for pre-trip counseling. Leaders at every level need to be involved in accident prevention efforts.

Privately owned vehicles are not the only hazard that awaits the unprepared. Water-related activities, high temperatures and the increased consumption of alcohol all pose special hazards and increase the potential for accidents. Continue to promote the use

of tools available on the Army Combat Readiness Center's Web site: <https://crc.army.mil> to increase safety awareness and educate our Soldiers.

Provide safety and POV accident prevention briefings to your people on the hazards that they may face during this holiday period. Leader involvement is critical in our accident prevention efforts. Together we can make a difference.

Enjoy a safe and relaxing Labor Day weekend!

DAVID PETRAEUS
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

IMA Labor Day safety message

The upcoming Labor Day weekend signals the end of summer. It is often the final opportunity to take one more well deserved summertime break before the start of the new fiscal year. When planning your holiday activities, please keep safety in mind.

No matter what your plans may be, some driving will likely be involved. Vehicle accidents are the main cause of death for Soldiers. As part of your preparation for this weekend, heed to the following to reduce your traffic risk:

Drive Defensively: Be alert, cautious, and stay

in control.

Aggressive Drivers are a major cause of accidents; report them.

Excessive speed decreases your reaction time and increases risk.

Buckle up before driving. Always use seat belts and ensure child safety seats are correctly installed. Drivers, parents and everyone are responsible.

Get plenty of rest before starting and allow adequate travel time to avoid fatigue.

See **SAFETY**, Page A8

Correction

In the Aug. 24 edition of *The Fort Huachuca Scout*, Page A16, the training system identified as a PROPHET should have been identified as an AN/TSQ-179(V) J-STARS Common Ground Station. We regret the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.



Scout On The Street — What are you going to do over the Labor Day Weekend?



Jim Hessel • Environmental and Natural Resources Division



Rob Bridges • Environmental and Natural Resources Division



Patty Hardwick • Environmental and Natural Resources Division



Frank Hammond • Environmental and Natural Resources Division



Staff Sgt. Saul Robinson • Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion

"I am going to do home improvement projects."

"I am going dove hunting and to the Knights of Columbus annual golf tournament."

"I will be spending time with family and barbecuing."

"I am going to Hoover Dam, Las Vegas and to Ocean City, California."

"I will be on a marriage retreat in Phoenix sponsored by the post chapel."

The Fort Huachuca Scout

This newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. Army. Contents of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by the U.S. Government, Department of Defense, Department of Army or the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

It is published weekly, except Christmas and New Years, using desktop publishing by the Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-7027. Printed circulation: 8,200.

All editorial content of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* is prepared, edited, provided and approved by the PAO. *The Fort Huachuca Scout* is printed by Aerotech News and Re-

view, 999 E. Fry, Suite 307, Service to Arizona, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, a private firm in no way connected with DA, under exclusive written contract with the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. The civilian printer is responsible for all advertising.

Editorial material for publication should be submitted to USAIC&FH Public Affairs Office, 3015 Carnahan St., Bldg. 21115, The Fort Huachuca Scout (AZTS-PA), Fort Huachuca, AZ, 85613-7027. The PAO reserves the right to edit all material submitted for publication.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

If a violation or rejection of this equal opportunity policy by an advertiser is confirmed, the printer shall refuse to print advertising from that source until the violation is corrected. The

appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Army or Aerotech News and Review, of the products or services advertised.

Copies of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* are available to members of the commander's internal audience for monthly postage and handling fees upon approval of the PAO.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Aerotech News and Review, 9192 W Cactus Rd. Suite M, Peoria, AZ, 85381.

To submit stories or inquiries, call (520) 533-1987, DSN 821-1987 or fax (520) 533-1280. For advertising, call (520) 452-1500.

Command Staff

Commanding General.....Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast
Garrison Commander.....Col. Jonathan Hunter
Public Affairs Officer.....Maj. Matthew Garner
Command Information Chief.....Kenneth Robinson

Editorial Staff

Managing Editor.....Joan Vasey
Assistant Editor.....Rob Martinez
Staff Writer.....Thom Williams
Contributing Writer.....Michael Collins

Volunteers

Contributing Writer.....Dr. George Colfer

Printer's Staff

Co-owners.....Paul & Lisa Kinison
Regional Manager.....Diane Hasse
Production Assistant.....Tara Kerwin
Staff Writer.....Anthony Reed
Advertising Sales.....Frank Escobar

DUI task force launched

City of Sierra Vista release

The Southeastern Arizona DUI Task Force will join with thousands of other law enforcement and highway safety agencies across the nation over the Labor Day holiday to crack down on impaired drivers under the Drunk Driving. "Over the Limit. Under Arrest" program.

"Make no mistake. Our message is simple. No matter what you drive – a passenger car, pickup, sport utility vehicle or motorcycle – if we catch you driving impaired, we will arrest you. No exceptions. No excuses," said Ken Kimmel, chief of police.

"We will be out in force conducting sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and using undercover officers to get more drunk drivers off the road. We want everyone to play it safe and always designate a sober driver or find a different way home if they have been out drinking," said Officer Bob Randall.

Driving with a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher is illegal in every state. Although drunk driving fatalities across the nation slightly declined in 2003 and 2004, alcohol-related fatalities are projected to increase in 2005. Moreover, according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, more than 1.4 million people were arrested for driving under the influence during 2004.

"Drunk driving is simply not worth the risk. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for impaired driving can be significant," said City Mayor Thomas Hessler. "Violators often face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates, attorney fees, time away from work, and dozens of other expenses.

"So don't take the chance. Remember, if you are over the limit, you are under arrest," said Randall.

The National Drunk Driving campaign, "Over the Limit, Under Arrest", impaired driving crackdown is a comprehensive impaired driving prevention program organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity.

For more information, visit www.StopImpairedDriving.org.

Contractor ID card application goes paperless

Scout reports

A new process has begun for contractors requiring a Common Access Card. Whether a card is expiring or a new contractor is coming on board, the contractor will now go to their organization's trusted agent to gain a user identification and password to access the DEERS/Rapids Website program, the Contract Verification System.

Once logged on, the contractor can add all related data needed for the application and submit it on-line to the TA for on-line approval. CVS notifies the contractor and the TA via e-mail for all forms of submissions and approvals.

When the TA approves the application, the contractor receives e-mail notification that he or she can go to the ID Card Section and get the CAC card, without the use of the standard

card application form, DD Fm 1172.

Contractors can find out who their TA is by calling their Contract Organization Representative. Current contractors whose cards are not expiring do not need to seek out their TAs at this time.

Those who need a card at the ID Card Section, including contractors, can call 533-1608 or 533-1645 to make an appointment. They can come in on a walk-in basis.

Another conservation success story: Mexican Spotted Owl makes strong showing on Fort Huachuca

Story by Michael Collins

Scout Staff



Photo by Joanne Roberts

A female Mexican spotted owl makes its nest in a crevice in Huachuca canyon

Biologists at Fort Huachuca recently announced another Federally Threatened species that inhabits the Huachuca Mountains is doing well and the Fort seems to be doing its part toward the animal's recovery. For the first time in 16 years of annual surveys, nesting pairs have been identified in all nine monitoring areas on the installation where the Mexican spotted owl makes its home.

"This is great news," said Sheridan Stone, biologist with the Fort Huachuca Department of Environmental and Natural Resources. "We detected adult pairs in every known owl territory and in some places where we didn't expect them. Nine fledglings were counted in the six territories where nesting oc-

curred. This exceeded expectations and indicates we are moving in the right direction with respect to management and monitoring efforts."

Biologists with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service think habitat loss from human land use is the primary reason the Mexican Spotted Owl belongs on the federal endangered or threatened species list. Recreational developments in riparian areas and timber harvesting in northern Arizona and New Mexico forests were other significant contributors.

Because the Mexican spotted owl prefers a consistent home range and most owls remain within the same territory year after year, experts claim this makes this species particularly vulnerable. Considering the steady

See **OWL**, Page A8

ABRM training strategy for BCT changes; ranges here comply

Scout reports

The firing ranges here have complied with changes made in the Department of the Army Basic Rifle Marksmanship training strategy for Basic Combat Training.

The strategy, developed by the U.S. Army Infantry School, is the new standard for enlisted troops conducting rifle marksmanship training in Initial Entry Training at service schools, Army Training Centers and all training activities for Headquarters, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

According to Fred Roberts, Systems Division, G-3, USAIS, Fort Benning, Ga., the changes were necessary due to the changes in the Soldier's operating

environment. "We fight a different way now," he explained.

"One of the biggest changes Soldiers will notice immediately is the 'Foxhole' firing position has been eliminated," Roberts said. "Soldiers will now fire from the 'Prone Supported', 'Prone Kneeling', and 'Prone Unsupported' positions."

These changes were implemented because studies show kneeling positions make Soldiers a smaller target on the battlefield, according to Roberts. Vital areas are protected by the Soldier's armor. "Soldiers can move a lot quicker from this position."

Additionally, Soldiers will receive an additional 18 training hours and 31 rounds of ammunition.



Photo by Dan Simon

Recently, the Army determined that firing from a kneeling position makes Soldiers smaller targets on the battlefield. Soldiers will fire from 'Prone Kneeling', 'Prone Supported' and 'Prone Unsupported' positions as part of Basic Rifle marksmanship training.

For Advanced Rifle Marksmanship, Soldiers will learn to install, bore sight, zero and engage targets with their weapons.

Roberts said all TRADOC unit training sections should have received notice of these changes and should be implementing them immediately.

TRICARE makes allowable charges easy to find

TRICARE release

In support of the health care initiatives in President Bush's management agenda, TRICARE Management Activity has posted its allowable charges on an easy-to-use Web site.

The cost of medical care varies widely across the country, and neither hospitals nor doctors' offices usually post their charges for various procedures. That makes it hard for patients to judge if they're being charged a reasonable amount for operations or examinations. By making its maximum allowable charges easily available to the public, TRICARE's intent is to level the playing field a little between medical service providers and users.

"We have a responsibility to help educate the public on health care issues," said William Winkenwerder, Jr., assistant secretary of defense (health affairs.) "With medical costs continuing to spiral upward, the more the consumer knows the better. This information could be especially useful for people with no insurance, who may be able to negotiate pricing with their physicians."

The new Web site shows the TRICARE Maximum Allowable Charge tables, listing the most frequently used procedures, more than 300 of them, and the amount TRICARE is legally allowed to pay for them. These charges are tied to Medicare allowable charges, effectively making them a federal standard for health care costs.

TRICARE figures the allowable charge from all professional (non-institutional) providers' bills nationwide, with adjustments for specific localities, over the previous year. A claims processor can tell a provider the allowable charge amount for specific services or procedures and now, anyone can see the charges on the new Web site. Anyone can use the rate table's itemized format to determine the appropriate charge for professional services, based on the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS.) The charges in this table don't reflect discounts regional contractors may negotiate with TRICARE network providers, so they may differ from the amounts shown on TRICARE beneficiaries' explanation of benefits. The TRICARE allowable charges are listed on line at www.tricare.osd.mil/allowablecharges.

Battle captain is civilian of the month

Scout reports

Daniel Finley, battle captain, 2nd Signal Center, who performs oversight of the Continental United States, Theater Network Operations and Security Center, 24x7 Operations Center in Greely Hall, has been named the Fort Huachuca August Civilian of the Month.

A "battle captain" is a term used by the network community to describe someone who is responsible for overseeing a government network.

According to his job description, Finley provides operational guidance to teams responsible for situational awareness reporting and operations center functions.

He also has dealings with other information technology organizations, and staff ranging from installation Directorates of Information Management to the Defense Information Security Agency.

Finley is responsible for ensuring that communications outages and information assurance events that are reported by the field are evaluated and appropriately escalated to the proper managers.

He oversees the development and publishing of information bulletins, task orders and data calls directed to Army posts, camps and stations throughout CONUS.

Finley's job requires him to have the technical knowledge of several different systems and applications used by the CONUS TNOSC to operate, manage and defend the Army's enterprise infostructure.

As a Battle Captain, he must manage several different projects simultaneously and he regularly volunteers when additional tasks are given to the Operations Division.

Finley said that he is both shocked and honored to receive the civilian of the month award.

He has been a civil servant for seven years and eight months.

Three others were nominated for the August Civilian of the Month award: Enrique Hernandez a Logistic Management Specialist, Communications



Photo by Thom Williams

Daniel Finley, Battle Captain, 2nd Signal Center stands in front of a display in Greely Hall. Finley is the Fort Huachuca Civilian of the Month for August.

Security Logistics Activity; Estolano Benavides Jr. a Training Instructor, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade; and Eduardo Bracamonte a Senior IT Specialist, Intelligence Electronic Warfare Test Directorate.

Nominate your employee for Fort Huachuca Civilian of the Month. All permanent appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund employees are eligible with the exception of employees officially assigned as supervisors (GS-10 and above) and senior executive service personnel. Contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at 533-5282 for further information.

Signal Soldiers come home again

Scout reports



Photo by Capt. Andrea-Bernadette Pratt

Staff Sgt. James Beck's family waits for the bus to pass so they can show their Soldier the banner they made for him.

It was a joyful homecoming as a dozen 40th Signal Battalion Soldiers returned from Iraq on Monday after installing, operating, and maintaining a tropospheric scatter satellite network in theatre. They arrived at Fort Bliss' Biggs Army Airfield, adjacent to the El Paso International Airport, in Texas. The American Legion Post #52 Motorcycle Riders Club escorted the bus carrying troops back from Fort Bliss to Eiffler Gym.

While abroad, the deployed Soldiers provided communications support services, including satellite transmissions, secure internet, non-secure internet, phone services, and installation of copper, phone and fiber optic cables.

They were welcomed by friends, family and members of the command. Family members made banners and waved flag to greet the returning Soldiers.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service Labor Day weekend holiday hours

Scout Staff	Friday-Monday – Closed	Enterprise, Baskin Robbins, Beauty Shop, Xtreme Franks	JITC Cafeteria Friday - 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday - Closed	Monday - noon – 8 p.m.
Hours listed below are changes for this weekend.	Anthony's Pizza Monday – 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Monday - Closed		Popeye's Friday - 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday - noon - 5 p.m. Sunday - noon - 4 p.m. Monday – Noon – 8:30 p.m.
Launderette Always open	Robin Hood Deli Monday – 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	AT&T Cyber Zone Monday – 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Mobile Vans Friday - Monday Closed	
Main Post Exchange Monday - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Furniture Store/ Outdoor Living Monday – 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Wired Coffee- Regimental Mall Friday - 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday – 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Regimental Retail Store Monday - 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.	Main Gate Shoppette Monday - 8 a. m. - 9 p.m.
Main Store Barber Shop Monday – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Shoppette/Class 6 Monday – 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.	Barber Shop Regimental Monday – 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Regimental Food Court- Anthony's Friday - 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday - Closed Sunday - Closed Monday – 11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Taco John's Saturday - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday - Monday - Closed
Main Store Flower Shop, General Nutrition Center, UPS Store, Optical Shop Monday -11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Barracks Phone Center, Laundry, Dry Cleaner, Alterations Main Store, Laundry and Dry Cleaner Military Clothing Sales Store, Military Clothing Sales Store, Cochise Theater, Greely Hall Diner,	Burger King Friday - 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday - 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday - 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday -10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Barber Shop Greely Hall Friday - Monday - Closed	Charley's Friday - 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday - noon - 5 p.m. Sunday - noon - 4 p.m.	
Wired Coffee-PX Mall and RWBAHC				

Advertisement

Thunderbird cooks go to field

Story by Capt. Andrea Pratt

11th Signal Brigade Public Affairs Officer

Eleven cooks took care of business in the 11th Signal Brigade Dining Facility by themselves last week – a remarkable strain and feat for the team. The daunting tasks of preparing food, cooking, cleaning, rationing, administration, and services for every meal of every day, normally executed by over 40 Soldiers in multiple shifts, were accomplished by only 11 people in single daily shifts.

These cooks were the only ones left after the 40th and 504th Signal Battalions took several of their chefs to the field with them. Even after the battalion field exercises ended last weekend, 11 cooks will not return to the Thunderbird DFAC team until at least August 2007 when the 86th Signal Battalion redeploys. The Thunderbird DFAC team will still feel the lighter manpower for months to come, but they are pulling together and accomplishing their mission regardless of the manpower shortage.

“We’re still open and serving every meal,” said Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Wilson, 40th Signal Bn. dining facility manager. “We prepare for a headcount of around 200 for breakfast, close to 300 for lunch,

and about 150 for dinner...we’re hanging in there and doing all of the necessary work.” The 11 cooks, including senior enlisted managers, administrative personnel and rationing officers worked daylong shifts from 5 a.m. to 6 or 7p.m., whereas the clock is normally divided into two shifts.

“We’re all pretty tired,” added Sgt. 1st Class Wilson, “but we know it has to get done ... we all take pride in our work, so we do it well no matter what the circumstance.”



Photos by Pfc. Rachel Black

Above: 504th Signal Battalion Soldiers convoy to sites on Fort Huachuca for their battalion field exercise, cooks included.

Left: Spc Bruce Lee, 40th Signal Battalion cook, prepares trays of macaroni and cheese for the lunch meal.

Advertisement

Advertisement

From **SAFETY**, Page A2

Alcohol alone is a major factor in traffic deaths and serious injury. Alcohol and prescription drugs are a dangerous and unpredictable mix.

With the return of children to school, it is important for drivers to be vigilant since most young children do not pay attention to traffic. Parents, ensure the safety of your children and everyone take extra caution in school zones and around school buses. Remember that safety takes no vacation and active leader involvement is absolutely necessary to preventing mishaps.

Have a safe holiday weekend.

John Macdonald, USA
Director, Brigadier General

From **OWL**, Page A3

encroachment regionally on their habitat by these forces, the challenges to the Mexican spotted owl in Arizona are many.

Ensuring optimal habitat for the breeding season is especially critical for the survival of the Mexican spotted owl. Mexican spotted owls nest and roost primarily in closed-canopy forests or rocky canyons. The majority of known nests on Fort Huachuca are in rock ledges or crevices. The ability to manage large tracts of land and monitor the owl’s habitat on the Fort has proven to be a plus. However, the biggest management challenges for the ENRD that may affect continued success include the ability to manage wild-land fire risk, excessive human disturbances in canyon areas, and noise levels from aerial operations.

Since 1990, Fort Huachuca has supported annual population monitoring, banding, telemetry studies, and population genetics research to provide a better

understanding of Mexican spotted owl population biology. Without management effort of the species and its habitat, it is likely that the Mexican spotted owl will decline and become restricted to small, isolated and localized populations.

The Mexican spotted owl is just one of many species on the endangered or threatened species list that are on the road to recovery thanks to the efforts and conservation management practices of the ENRD and partners on and off post. Other success stories include the Lesser Long-nosed Bat and Huachuca water umbel. Fort Huachuca leadership also enabled restoration of Gould’s wild turkey back into Arizona after its disappearance from the state in the early 1900s.

“We have come a long way over several decades, but we need to determine what we are doing right and keep on doing it by design,” said Stone. “With proper monitoring and management, we will ensure wildlife will be a continued presence on the Fort.”

Advertisement

Advertisement

Dr. Russell Watson retires from Military Intelligence School after many years of service

Story and photo by Michael Collins
Scout Staff

Look up the word 'versatile' in the dictionary. There, next to the entry will be a picture of retiring Dr. Russell Watson of the Fort Huachuca's U.S. Army Intelligence Center.

Musician, mentor, teacher and administrator are just some of the words that may be used to describe Watson. Dad and Grandpa are two he is the most proud of. And maybe, 'world's greatest fisherman' could be used to describe him, but that may be a stretch, even by fisherman's standards.

The common denominator for most of Watson's life is the Army. Born and raised in the then American-controlled Panama Canal Zone, he left home to attend New Mexico State University when he reached college age. His ear for music and exceptional ability to play the trumpet landed him a full

scholarship. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army in the Adjutant General Branch and served two years at Fort Huachuca.

"Even though Fort Huachuca is only a few hours away from Las Cruces, I had to get out a map and figure out where it is," said Watson. "I had never heard of the place before I got my orders," he added.

"Sierra Vista and Cochise County were pretty wide open in those days," Watson continued. There were miles and miles of open land that you could buy for next to nothing. This area had great weather, views and the community was great. I liked the proximity to Mexico as well so we decided to put down our roots here."

Upon leaving the Army, Russell was hired to be Fort Huachuca's first music director, producing more than 20 full-scale musicals and revues from

1972 through 1976. "It was called the Recreation Services back then," Watson noted. "Now it is called MWR but our job was to entertain the Soldiers. We held musical theater at night but for a young man with a family, late nights got old real quick."

Rapid changes at both Fort Huachuca and for Russell were on the horizon in ways few foresaw. "The Intelligence School opened around 1970-71," Russell said. "Intelligence has since become a growth industry, if you will, because of the increasing reliance by commanders on this essential tool combined with staggering technological advances."

Watson went on to get his Master's degree from the University of Arizona in Education. He was later hired by the Intelligence School in 1976. He continued to pursue graduate school and received a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona.

Watson, affectionately referred to as "Doc," worked as an instructor at the Military Intelligence School from 1976 to 1979. He taught classes in the MI Captains Career Course, Officers Basic Course, and Basic Instructor Training Course, among others. From 1980 to 1985, Russell held the position of chief of staff and faculty training. During this time, he developed and instituted the Intelligence School Instructor of the Month and Year Program. Russell coordinated the first college credits awarded for Intelligence School courses and developed and instituted the Intelligence School Instructor Recognition Program.

From 1986 to 1995, Russell served as the deputy director for the Directorate of Training and Doctrine. While in this position, he helped establish performance objective-based training in the Intelligence School and helped write the first iterations of the systems approach to training manual for TRADOC. In addition, Russell worked on developing both the TRADOC Middle Managers and Senior Managers Courses and was a guest instructor teaching the Senior Managers Course for five years. He established and managed the University of Arizona Masters of Arts in Educational Psychology program jointly with the Intelligence Center. Presently, Russell holds the position of Deputy Director and Dean of Training Development, and Support.

When asked what advice he would offer his successor, Watson replied, "My best advice is to listen to your people, force yourself to develop listening skills. Pay attention to what your people are telling you and give good advice."

Russell just celebrated his 36th wedding anniversary with his wife, the former Julitta Ann Lihosit. They had two children over the course of their marriage, Chris and Monica, who have since produced grandchildren for him to spoil.

When asked what the future holds for him, Watson predicted a lot of fishing and babysitting grandchildren. "I taught at university for a while but right now I have the opportunity to travel and do things I have wanted to do for a long time. I may eventually work my way into some new endeavor but not for the foreseeable future. I hope to get a lot of time in on the water."



Doctor Russell Watson works at his desk planning the next phase of military intelligence training and his life after retirement.

ANCOC instructors complete engagement skills training, will train students

Story by Joan Vasey
Scout Staff

Instructors of the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer course took to the firing range Aug. 19 to hone their firing skills. However, they did not train at an outdoor range, nor did they train in the traditional manner.

Instead, the Soldiers used technology to acquire re-

alistic training. In turn, they will use what they learned to train future students here, since students don't have the opportunity to undergo field training while attending ANCOC. This allows Soldiers to retain a high level of proficiency in basic Soldier skills.

Using realistic rifles hooked up to computers and which fire beams of light, Soldiers engage enemy targets that appear in different scenarios shown on large wall screens. Using this technique, students

actually undergo more realistic training than that acquired by firing at pop-up targets on a range, according to Sgt. 1st Class Damon Wise, ANCOC small group leader.

"The training is interactive. It challenges you with life-like scenarios and is much more 21st century," he said.

There are different training scenarios. Some feature convoys of trucks or situations involving tanks in different types of terrain. Others may be urban settings in which aggressors appear at random.

Some scenarios involve shoot/no-shoot situations. In such cases, the Soldier being trained can be a gate guard positioned within a gate with a roving guard outside. Friendly civilians and foes pass by. The Soldier fires upon only those who drew weapons, allowing the Soldier to decide if shooting is warranted. After a Soldier fires, a light appears on the screen indicating a hit or miss.

The instructor can pause the program at any time, according to Wise. He or she can ask the Soldiers to defend their actions by evaluating what went wrong or what went right. Training resumes when the instructor hits a button to reactivate the screen.

Approximately 25 instructors, first sergeants and the school sergeant major completed the three-hour informal training session, conducted by an NCO who'd completed the formal process. Everyone else will complete formal training during down time between classes.

(From left) Sgt. 1st Class Richard Hill, Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Isgrigg Sgt. 1st Damon Wise and Sgt. 1st Daniel Hull fire weapons at a target projected on the wall. All are Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course instructors who will train future ANCOC students using the interactive program.



Photo by Lilly Wise

Advertisement

Range Closures

Thursday – AF, AG, AK, AL, AP, AU, AW
Friday – AP, AU
Saturday – AP, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Sunday – AP, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Monday – AP, AU
Tuesday – AP, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Wednesday – AH, AK, AL, AP, AR, AU, T1, T1A, T2

For more information on Range closures contact Range Control 533-7095. Closures are subject to daily change.

Fall fuelwood applications available

The U.S. Army Garrison Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Fort Huachuca now has green fuelwood applications available for this year’s cutting season. A limited number of up to one half-cord permits for green mesquite will be sold for \$25 each on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a limit of one permit per household.

Sales of permits are open to the general public. Those without a Fort vehicle sticker will need to stop at the Main Gate to obtain a pass to come onto the Fort. Drivers will need driver’s license, proof of insurance and vehicle registration for a pass, and a wood permit in their possession when actually cutting the wood. The cutting season will begin Monday and end Oct. 12.

The green fuelwood area is located in designated areas of the south range on Fort Huachuca. A map of the fuelwood area will be attached to the permit.

To apply for a permit, go to www.huachuca.army.mil/firewood/fuelwood.html , print and complete the application form. Complete form and mail to IMSW-HUA-PWB, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Attn: Firewood, 3040 Butler Road, Fort Huachuca, Arizona 85613-7010. A self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check or money order made out to the U.S. Treasury must be included with the application. Completed applications must be mailed to the office. Successful applicant permits will be mailed out and will not be available at the office for pick-up.

Insect traps placed on post

The Arizona Department of Agriculture will be placing Glassy-winged Sharpshooter traps on post. This insect is a significant threat to many plant types found in the Sierra Vista area, and trapping on the base would be an integral

part in a complete detection strategy.

They plan to begin placing traps on the Fort beginning Monday and will continue trapping through June 30, 2007. They will coordinate with the Directorate of Public Works to decide where to place the 15 traps.

The Department of Agriculture will periodically monitor the traps to see what they have found. DPW asks those who discover any mounted traps to leave them alone.

Direct Select OCS Board planned

The next Installation Direct Select Officer Candidate School Board will be held Sept. 19-21. All packets are due to the personnel actions office no later than Sept. 11. All interested Soldiers need to see their S-1 (personnel, adjutant and administrative section) for information on the application process and to set up an appointment with the actions section.

Toyland grand opening set

The grand opening of Toyland is Sept. 16. Specials will be announced soon. Look for fliers at the Main Exchange and Shoppettes soon.

Relocation Workshops offered

Army Community Service will offer a relocation workshop for Soldiers and family members making their first move at the following times and dates: 6 p.m. Tuesday; 2 p.m. Sept. 21; and 2 p.m. Sept. 26. The workshops, which will discuss expectations, entitlements and budgeting for the move, will be held at the ACS Building 50010.

Register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Phone number updates needed

The Public Affairs Office is currently updating the Fort Huachuca phone book.

Please ensure the phone listings for your organization are correct. Contact your organization’s representative designated to update those changes so the correct listings will be placed in the upcoming edition of the Thunder Mountaineer. Once this happens, your representative should contact the PAO.

The PAO must have the listings by tomorrow to meet our printer’s deadline. Updating your phone listings will ensure we provide the best possible service to the Fort Huachuca community.

If you have any questions or additions you wish

to make to the Fort Huachuca phone book, please call the PAO at 533-1283 or 533-2622.

Newborn classes offered by ACS

The following prenatal classes will be offered by Army Community Service in September.

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, at ACS, As-sisting Your Newborn’s Development, from 6:30-8:30 p.m; from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at ACS, Breastfeeding Your Newborn.

Fall pet show set for Sept. 9

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is bringing a fall pet show to the main store. Showings start at 9 a.m. on Sept. 9 and the Minnesota Viking Cheerleaders will be making a stop. Participants need to be registered and present one hour before the scheduled show time. Every animal can register for two categories. Puppies are excluded from the weight category.

For more information and to register stop by the main exchange now through Sept. 8.

BOSS sponsors X-Box Tournament

The MADDEN 2007 X-BOX Tournament is being held from noon-5 p.m. on Saturday at the Time Out. This event is open to the public and teen-agers are especially encouraged to participate. The tournament is sponsored by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

The entry fee is \$10. Two games are guaranteed. The best 20 scores advance to the final tournament. For information, contact Spc. Virgie Tidmore at 533-6674, or e-mail her at virgie.tidmore@netcom.army.mil.

Leave donations sought

The following Department of the Army civilians on Fort Huachuca are currently on the Leave Donor Program and need leave donations: Joseph Barnhardt, USAISEC; Alicia Doyle, WCPOC; Linda Haldorson, MEDDAC; Pamela Hastings, CA/ITEC-4; Shirley Michaud, DOIM; Lora Otero, CSLA; Patricia Paiz, 305th MI Bn; Susan Pester, MEDDAC; Patricia Ryan, CPOC; Scott Van Voorst, FUTURES.

For information regarding the Leave Donor Program or how you can donate annual leave, contact Schenando Nason, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, at 533-5273.

Protestant Sunday Services		Women’s Ministry Bible study		Sunday 9 a.m.		Latter Day Saints Service	
9:00 a.m.	Gospel	1st, 3rd Friday 6 p.m.				Sunday	1 p.m.
9:30 a.m.	Protestant	Bible Study/Choir Practice		Catholic		Youth Ministries	
11 a.m.	Cross Roads	Thursday 6 p.m.		• CCD	Sunday 10:45 a.m.	• Middle school	
11 a.m.	Collective Protestant	Ministerial Staff Training		• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Friday 3 - 6 p.m.	Sunday 4 - 5 p.m.	
		Tuesday 6 p.m.		• MCCW	1st Friday 9 a.m.	• High school	
		Men’s Choir Rehearsal				Sunday 5:30 - 7 p.m.	
		Tuesday 7 p.m.		Korean			
		Youth Fellowship		Choir practice	Friday 6:30 p.m.		
		3rd, 4th Saturdays 8:30 a.m.		OCIA	Friday 7 p.m.		
		Women’s Choir		Muslim Prayer			
		2nd Tuesday 7 p.m.		Friday 12:15 p.m.			
		Women’s Choir		Orthodox Divine Liturgy			
		5th Saturdays 11a.m.		1st & 3rd Sunday 9:30 a.m			
		Youth Church 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th					
						</	

Advertisement

Deadline approaching for filing private body armor purchase claims

Army News Service

Soldiers have until Oct. 3 to file reimbursement claims for private purchases of such protective and safety equipment as body armor.

“A provision of the 2005 Defense Authorization Act allows for the reimbursement if servicemembers

weren’t issued equivalent equipment prior to deployment in Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom,” said Maj. Paul Cucuzzella, U.S. Army Claims Service.

The Army began reimbursing Soldiers in November for private purchases of protective

body armor, combat helmets, ballistic eye protection, hydration systems, summer weight gloves, and knee and elbow pads, Cucuzzella said.

Such purchases qualify for reimbursement if

they were made between Sept. 11, 2001, and April 1, 2006, and if they were made in anticipation of or during the servicemember’s deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan.

Claims should be filed with the Soldier’s current unit. Former Soldiers should mail their claims to the U.S. Army Claims Service at Fort Meade, Md., with a postmark date of Oct. 3.

More information on the reimbursement program – including qualifying details, instructions on how and where to file a claim, and a copy of the requisite claims form – is available at www.jagcnet.army.mil. Follow the link

to the “Protective Gear Reimbursement Program.”

Soldiers also may contact Maj. Paul Cucuzzella at 301-677-7009, ext. 431, or by e-mail at paul.cucuzzella@emh1.ftmeade.army.mil.

“A provision of the 2005 Defense Authorization Act allows for the reimbursement if servicemembers weren’t issued equivalent equipment prior to deployment in Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom,”



Photo by Rob Martinez

DPW contractors trim Post

Contract workers under the Directorate of Public Works started cutting grass at the post cemetery Aug. 24, and will continue cutting designated areas until they are completed.

Advertisement

518th TIN Platoon prepares to deploy

Story and photo by Capt Andrea-Bernadette Pratt
11th Signal Brigade Public Affairs Officer

The 518th First Tactical Integration Network Platoon endured its first battery of Exit Evaluation classes and practical applications last week. The specialized platoon is going through the evaluation in preparation for deployment to Southwest Asia this fall. The evaluators for the ongoing assessment are members of the recently redeployed 69th Signal Company. The 69th "Cabledawgz" successfully executed a similar mission to what the 518th TINPs will be later this fall.

"This is great training," said 1st Lt. Justin Fincham, 518th TIN Platoon leader. "This is the real world mission that [the 69th Signal Company] had during their deployment, so it's great to have them teach us what we will be doing and have them evaluate us. The exercises are great train-up opportunities for those of us who are experienced, and strong learning opportunities for those of us who are new."

Classes consisted of cable installation, line termination, phone services, data services, and fiber optic cable connections.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Paluzzi, transmission systems chief in the 69th Signal Company was one of the evaluators.

"Some of the qualities we're evaluating are teamwork, quality of work, and adhesiveness to standards ... [from what I've seen thus far], I think the 518th will be prepared and mission ready."

"There's a strong unit cohesiveness that helps," added Fincham. "As far as teamwork and communication, we're definitely ready to go."

The unit will continue classes, practical exercises and evaluations in preparation for their upcoming deployment.

Soldiers from the 11th Signal Brigade deploy on a regular basis in support of communications operations all over the world. The brigade is one of the most deployed in the Army.



Soldiers install cables in the hallway in the 504th Signal Battalion command group area, simulating the commercialization of communication lines in a Military Police station.

Advertisement

Environmental and Natural Resources Div

Story and photos by Michael Collins
Scout Staff



The Fort Huachuca Department of Environmental and Natural Resources Division wrapped up a 20 hour safety course for new and returning hunters Saturday, leading students in a field based practicum that underscores the many facets of safe and ethical hunting.

Classes began almost two weeks earlier on Aug. 14 when student hunters were instructed in the legal requirements and ethical aspects of hunting by John Millican, wildlife manager for the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Rob Bridges, ecologist at ENRD.

“We are here to teach not only what the State of Arizona and Fort Huachuca require in order to hunt on this installation, but the rules of good sportsmanship,” said Bridges. “Being mindful of the laws, your fellow hunters and the image you project to the general public even away from the hunting field is the right thing to do and will assure the future of this sport.”

Bridges’ concerns are well founded.

The sport of hunting has declined over the years for a variety of reasons. Cost for hunting leases in others states can easily exceed \$2000 per season. Rural to urban migration, the rapid pace and demands on the

modern family, lack of parental guidance regarding hunting and the negative image many hunters project to non-hunters are the chief culprits for this decline.

“The act and the role of harvesting game animals is often misunderstood,” said Sheridan Stone, ENRD biologist. “Regulated hunting, in fact, is a positive environmental management technique, which can prevent too many animals relative to their food supply. Well managed hunting and harvest ensures habitat carrying capacity is sustained for the benefit of the game population and all the animals that use that same habitat.”

Hunting enthusiasts have reasons for optimism however and if the future of the sport is linked to the youngest students attending the recent class, the outlook looks bright indeed.

Young hunters like 10-year-old William Ponder have a depth of knowledge regarding the laws of the sport, game animal species and hunter safety that not only matches but easily exceeds most of the adults in the class room. Bradli Wellborn is a 12-year-old girl who not only loves the sport but sees hunting as an opportunity to strengthen family ties. “I want to hunt with my Dad,” said Wellborn. “I like going and it is a lot of fun.”

One of the many benefits of belonging to the Fort

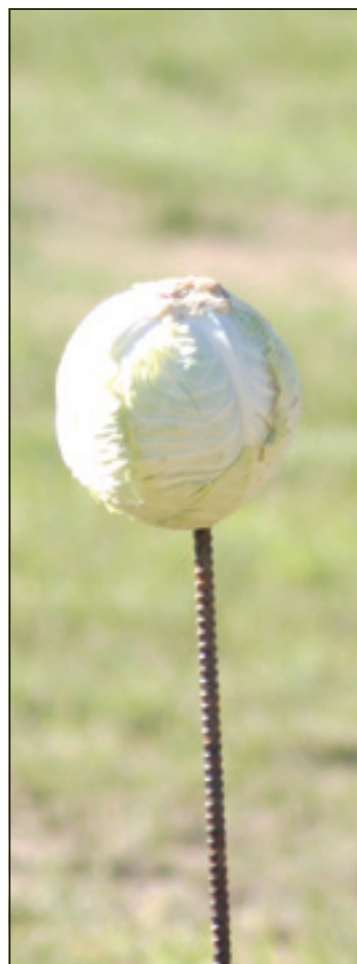
Rob Bridges, ecologist for the Fort Huachuca Environmental and Natural Resources Division models the blaze orange clothing that all hunters must wear while on Fort Huachuca.



Rob Bridges, ecologist for Fort Huachuca Environmental and Natural Resources Division (left) and Kelly Jones, hunter education coordinator for the ENRD demonstrate how to register for an Arizona hunting license.



Victoria Howell, 7, aims at a vital area of a game animal in a video-simulated hunt while her elementary school-aged classmates look on during the ENRD’s recent hunter education course.



The before picture of a cabbage powerfull even a small caliber bullet for firearm safety.

vision graduates new class of safe hunters

huachuca community is the ability to hike, bird-watch and hunt over the thousands of acres the Army manages. Deer, game birds and other big game abound in the Huachuca Mountains, grasslands and canyons, providing yet another recreational opportunity for hunters who might otherwise not be able to afford the cost of game lease in another locale.

Access, however is not a right but a privilege. Before any hunter is permitted to hunt on Fort Huachuca, a hunter education course and Arizona hunting license are required. There are many other rules regarding permissible areas, firearms restrictions and proper attire that hunters must rigidly adhere to as well in order to prevent running afoul of the Military Police.

“Proper training, respecting the rights of others and use of basic common sense is an integral part of the heritage of hunting,” said Bridges. “By instilling these values into Fort Huachuca hunters, we will create new partners that share the mission of wildlife management, carrying with them the highest ideals of conservation and environmental stewardship possible.”

For more information about hunting on Fort Huachuca, contact the Sportsman’s Center at 533-7085 and visit www.azgfd.com on the Web.



Dolan Bernal, 12 and Debbie Brewer, hunter safety education volunteer aide, examine the target silhouette for evidence of the young hunter’s marksmanship.



and the after picture of cole slaw demonstrates how bullet can be upon impact, underscoring the necessity



Rob Bridges of the ENRD leads young hunters in a simulated game trailing exercise during the recent hunter education course.

Advertisement

Advertisement



Service News



Ultimate sacrifice in support of Global War On Terrorism

Spc. Thomas Barbieri, 24, of Gaithersburg, Md., died on Aug. 23 south of Baghdad, Iraq when his patrol encountered enemy forces small arms fire during combat operations. Barbieri was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Lance Cpl. James Hirlston, 21, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., died Aug. 23 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Chief Petty Officer Paul Darga, 34, of Lansing, Mich., died Aug. 22 when his Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team was struck by an improvised explosive device while responding to a previous strike. His unit was conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province, Iraq. Darga was assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Two, serving with the 1st Marine Logistics

Group.

Master Sgt. Brad Clemmons, 37, of Chillicothe, Ohio, died Aug. 21 when an improvised explosive device struck his vehicle. The vehicle was part of a transportation convoy enroute to Taji, Iraq. Clemmons was assigned to the 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

Sgt. Gabriel DeRoo, 25, of Paw Paw, Mich., died on Aug. 20 in Mosul, Iraq, of injuries suffered when he encountered enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations. DeRoo was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

The Department of Defense announced today the death of two Marines who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Cpl. Adam Galvez, 21, of Salt Lake City, Utah

Lance Cpl. Randy Newman, 21, of Bend, Ore.

Both Marines died Aug. 20 while conducting

combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. They were assigned to 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Hospitalman Chadwick Kenyon, 20, of Tucson, Ariz., died Aug. 20 of injuries suffered when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in the Al Anbar province, Iraq.

Kenyon was assigned to the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Three Soldiers died in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19 when an improvised explosive device detonated near their convoy vehicle.

Killed were:

Sgt. Wakkuna Jackson, 21, of Jacksonville, Fla. Jackson was assigned to the 710th Combat Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

Advertisement

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, of Alexandria, Va. Drawl was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

Spc. Christopher Sitton, 21, of Montrose, Colo. Sitton was assigned to the 710th Combat Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

Sgt. 1st Class Ruben Villa Jr, 36, of El Paso, Texas, died on Aug 18, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from a non-combat related cause. Villa was assigned to the Area Support Group (CFLCC), Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Loa, 32, of Waianae, Hawaii, died on Aug 16 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol. Loa was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

Cpl. Jeremiah Cole, 26, of Hiawatha, Kan., died in Bermel, Afghanistan, on Aug. 16 of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations. Cole was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.



DoD photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Noel Danseco, U.S. Navy

Marines maintain equipment

U.S. Marines perform maintenance on their equipment in the hangar bay of the USS Boxer (LHD 4) as the ship operates in the Pacific Ocean on Aug. 15, 2006. The Marines are part of Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, attached to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Advertisement

Entertainment schedule announced for Fall Festival

The 2006 Fall Fun Festival will be held Sept. 15, 16 and 17 at Veterans Memorial Park, located off Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista. Festival hours will be 4 p.m. - midnight, Friday; noon - midnight, Saturday; and noon - 5 p.m., Sunday.

The public is invited and there is no admission charge to enter the grounds or the entertainment events.

The schedule for free live entertainment will be as follows: 4 to 5 p.m., Sept. 15, the 36th Army Band; 8 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 15, Tucson band "The Year of Acceleration;" 3 to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 16, "Krysis;" 6 to 8:30 p.m., Sept. 16, "Trainwreck;" and 9 p.m. to midnight Sept. 16, "Jaded."

Sept. 17 will be family day at the festival, and family members are invited. The entertainment lineup, which is appropriate for all ages, will include: from noon to 3 p.m., Fort Huachuca Fire Department's smokehouse; at 1 p.m., karate demonstration; 2 p.m., Tae Kwon Do demonstra-

tion; 3 p.m., K-9 demonstration; and 3:45 p.m., B Troop 4th Cavalry (Regimental).

Throughout the festival, DJ Mad Dog will provide a variety of musical entertainment.

Many activities will be available for those attending the festival including food, craft, art, commercial and novelty vendors.

Another attraction will be the City of Fun Carnival, with rides for all ages and thrill levels. Advance carnival tickets are on sale now at Murr Community Center, Desert Lanes, Jeannie's Diner, Eifler Fitness Center, New Beginnings Child Development Center and Sierra Vista Safeway.

The 5 kilometer Mutt March that will be held at 7 a.m., Sept. 16. Cost is \$5 for pet and human. Refreshments and a finish ribbon will be included.

For more information about the Mutt March, call 538-0836. Carnival tickets purchased in advance are sold at a savings of \$2 per ten tickets. Advance price is \$6 per



sheet of 10. The price goes up to \$8 per sheet of 10 at the carnival. For more ticket information, call 533-2404.

Private organizations, food, craft and other vendors are encouraged to take part in the festival. Vendor applications are available now at Barnes Field House.

For vendor information, call Susan Gasca at 678-4446 or Susan Keltner at 533-0351 or e-mail fallfest06sv@yahoo.com.

Mixed doubles bowling tournament

Desert Lanes Bowling Center will host a mixed doubles tournament starting at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The tournament is open to everyone. There is a \$12 entry fee per bowler.

For more information, call 533-2849.

Basic pistol course offered

The Sportsman's Center will offer a basic pistol course from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. this Saturday, and again, Sept. 16 and 30.

The class will teach safe firearm handling, how to clean and store a firearm and shooting fundamentals.

Cost is \$12.50 per person and includes instruction, range fee and ear protection. Participants are encouraged to bring their own firearms. Ammunition is not included.

For more information, call 533-7085.

Moonlight Trail Ride set for Sept. 7

Buffalo Corral Horseback Riding Stables will offer a Moonlight Trail Ride from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 7. The ride is open to the public.

Reservations and pre-payment are required by close of business the Sunday before the ride.

For more information or to register, call Buffalo Corral at 533-5220.

Contestants needed for Military Idol

MWR is looking for additional contestants for the annual Military Idol Competition. Active duty amateur vocalists are invited to submit applications.

Anyone interested is urged to get their application now, either at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre or on line at www.militaryidol.com.

Army MWR, in the tradition of the "American Idol" television series, is sponsoring the competi-

tion which is open to Soldiers.

Active duty military contestants are competing for cash prizes and for the title of "National Military Idol."

At the installation level, the following prizes will be awarded: 3rd place, \$100; 2nd place, \$250; and 1st place, \$500. The winner at each installation will be submitted for consideration on the national level.

The first local round of the Military Idol Competition will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 8 at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. The event is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

The final local competition is scheduled for Sept. 22 at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

Twelve national finalists will be chosen to compete at the National Military Idol Competition, to be held Oct. 28 - Nov. 6 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

At the national level, the following prizes will be awarded: 3rd place, \$500; 2nd place, \$1000; and 1st place, \$2000.

For more information, call TMAC at 533-3802.

Post golf championship scheduled

The Mountain View Golf Course Post Championship is scheduled for Sept. 9 and 10. Tee times will begin early both days.

Cost is \$40 for MVGC members and \$60 for non-members for 36 holes of stroke play. Cart is not included in entry.

All participants must have an established U.S. Golf Association handicap. Players will be placed in flights, according to the number of entries.

MVGC is a high desert, 18-hole championship course that is open to the public seven days a week.

The facility is located at Building 15479 and is accessible to everyone from Wilcox Avenue, off

Buffalo Soldier Trail.

For more information or to make a tee time, call 533-7088.

Soldier Show tickets available now

The 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show will unveil "Reveille: Answering the Call" at 7 p.m., Sept. 19, and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sept. 20 at Buena Performing Arts Center, Sierra Vista.

The 22-Soldier troupe is in the second half of a six-month tour of about 100 performances on military installations across the United States, Italy and Germany.

Rhythm and blues, gospel and country music will be featured, along with new renditions of tunes released since the 1960s, coupled with ballroom dancing aplenty.

Admission to the show is free, but patrons must have a ticket. Tickets are available now at Sierra Vista Safeway and Murr Community Center, Fort Huachuca.

For more information, call 533-2404.

Viking cheerleaders coming to Fort

The Army Air Force Exchange Service and MWR are bringing members of "Minnesota Vikings" Cheerleading Team here Sept. 8 and 9.

The public is invited to meet the cheerleaders at the following locations: Sept. 8: from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre for the Military Idol competition; and from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Desert Lanes for "Rock 'n' Bowl."

Sept. 9: from 8 to 10 a.m., meet and greet with youth cheerleaders and dance troupe at Youth Center; from 10 a.m. to noon, AAFES Pet Show; from 1 to 3 p.m., meet and greet at Main Post Exchange; and from 3:30 to 5 p.m., trail ride and barbecue at Buffalo Corral

For more information, call 538-0836.



Fort Huachuca Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation is responsible for content appearing on the MWR page in The Fort Huachuca Scout. Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to paula.german@hua.army.mil or visit us on the Web at mwrhuachuca.com

The Scout TimeOut

Fall sports kick-off on, off post

Story and photo by Thom Williams
Scout Staff

As the pigskin starts flying on the gridiron during football games that count and the Major League Baseball pennant races heat up, the sports scene on Fort Huachuca and in Arizona turn the page to fall sports.

On the adult side of the house, Commander's Cup unit-level flag football is taking center stage and is already underway. The games start at 6 p.m., with three contests slated for each Monday through Thursday evening on the artificial turf of Sentinel Field near Eifler Fitness Center.

Youth football in the Fort Huachuca area is organized by the Sierra Vista American Youth Football and Cheer Association under the umbrella of American Youth Football, Inc.

The organization provides flag and tackle football, along with cheerleading to area youth 5 through 15.

The local association is made up of 13 football teams and eight cheer squads. The season opens on Sept. 9. Teams play their games on Saturdays at various sites around southern Arizona to include Geronimo Fields on Fort Huachuca.

For more information, visit the league's Web site at www.svayfc.com or e-mail svyouthfootball@cox.net.

In Tucson, you can see a Pacific-10 Conference NCAA Division One college football game complete with traditional trappings from the band to the cheerleaders.

The University of Arizona Wildcats hope that Head Coach Mike Stoops has recruited well and whipped the Cats into shape for a winning season. The Wildcats are aiming to make their first bowl appearance since 1998.

Depending on how the season plays out, it could be a tough ticket to get your hands on.

For information about the U of A football schedule and ticket availability, visit their Web site at www.arizonaathletics.com.

Be advised, the Arizona Cardinals NFL team, which has opened their new state-of-the-art stadium here, for the first time, sold out for the season. A ticket to a pro football game in Glendale will be tough to find, and expensive.

Fort Huachuca Youth Services just completed registration for the youth soccer program. The games begin on Sept. 16 and the season runs through December. The matches are played on the fields at the sports complex on Tacoma Street behind the Sierra Vista City Hall.

On Oct. 15, Fort Huachuca Youth Services will



Members of the Blue Colts pee wee football team practice on Smiley Field on Fort Huachuca. The team is part of the Sierra Vista American Youth Football and Cheer Association.

begin registration for basketball. The season begins in January.

To sign up for youth sports programs, go to the Central Enrollment Registration Office located in Murr Community Center off Cushing Street near Thunderbird Village.

Youth Sports is also looking for coaches for the basketball season. For information, contact Carrie Bradkey, acting youth sports director, at 533-8347.

In September, the Fort Huachuca Sports Division is hosting a Commander's Cup cross country series. Sept. 16 is the first race and will be a distance of two miles with the second four-mile race taking place on Sept. 23.

The last race of the series is scheduled for Sept. 30 and is a distance of six miles. For information, contact George Thompson at 533-0040 or e-mail him at george.thompson@hua.army.mil.

The Sports Division will also host a 10-kilometer mystery run as the final event of the 2006 multi-sport series. The run takes place at 7 a.m. Sept. 9 at the Apache Flats gazebo on Whitside Road. For information call 533-3180 or 533-5031.

A fall and winter golf program is also planned at the Mountain View Golf Course. It is not under the Commander's Cup program. A coaches' meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Sept. 19 at Barnes Field House. The first competition is scheduled for Oct. 2. For information, contact Michelle Kimsey at 533-3180 or by e-mail at michelle.kimsey@hua.army.mil.

Get four of your best friends together and join a

bowling league at Desert Lanes Bowling Center. The center offers league play each evening from Sunday through Friday.

Some of the leagues have just gotten underway, but according to David Wall, manager, the Monday night Vegas League is still looking for more teams. Bowling starts at 6 p.m. and usually runs until 9 p.m.

On Saturday mornings, Desert Lanes hosts a youth league from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is underway for this league and play begins on Sept. 9.

For information, contact Wall at 533-2849.

With the great fall weather in Arizona, softball leagues are easy to find in the southern part of the state. The city of Sierra Vista hosts fall Men's and Coed Softball leagues. Games take place on the fields of Veterans' Memorial Park and the season runs until the end of October.

For more information contact Jack King 458-7922 or e-mail jking@ci.sierra-vista.az.us.

There is still time to sign up for the fall Senior Coed Softball League that starts its season at 1 p.m. Sept. 10 in Veterans' Memorial Park in Sierra Vista.

Male players must be at least 50 years of age and female players must be at least 25 years old.

The team entry fee of \$200 is due by Sept. 5. Teams may register at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, Tacoma Street behind the Sierra Vista City Hall.

For additional information, call John Tax at 459-3505.



36th Army Band performs for full house Aug. 22

Story and photos by Joan Vasey

Scout Staff

The 36th Army Band (regimental) performed “V is for Victory: A Patriotic Salute to the ‘Greatest Generation’” for a full house Aug. 22 at the Buena High School Performing Arts Center. They were augmented by members of the 323rd Army Band, Fort Sam Houston, Texas and local civilian guest musicians.

The original performance was rained out. It was slated to happen prior to the July 4 fireworks display at Veterans’ Memorial Park.

Jim Chambers, Fort Huachuca deputy garrison commander, officiated.

The band played music from the 40s, and vocalists sang while World War II video footage shown on elevated big screens focused on memorable events of World War II.

“Letters Home,” a dramatic reading, featured Soldiers reading letters that shared the thoughts and feelings of U.S. service members who had fought in every major conflict in which the United States was involved, from the Revolutionary War through today. During the readings, a common thread emerged — Soldiers’ feelings about doing what they felt was right in spite of the hardship and loneliness of life in a war zone.

The final reading was a BLOG entitled “Grey Eagle” by Spc. (first name not available) Wilks, a female National Guardsman, Operation Iraqi Freedom dated June 13. It was read by Sgt. 1st Class Amy Morgan. It expressed the feelings of this era’s Soldier, fighting a different and more complex conflict than those fought by Soldiers of past wars. While some of her feelings were similar to those of Soldiers past, today’s Soldiers seem to have a different experience, especially female Soldiers who have only been allowed in the front lines of a combat zone within the past decade.

“... The other day,” Wilks wrote, “I was giving some thought to life beyond Iraq. It seems like I have

been living here so long that life beyond the sandbox has become surreal. I don’t even know when that happened; it was so long ago. We all say we are excited about coming home, and that is true, but in the same breath that we declare our excitement, we are also nervous. We express our joy at returning to those things that we left behind but anxious if it will still be the same. I have lost contact with myself. I am not even sure who that is anymore. ...

“I am just a Soldier, experiencing and finding my way through my first deployment. See, I struggle a little with the fact that I am older than 80 percent of those around me. The Soldiers around me are looking to go places in life I have already been and left behind. I felt and feel very old. ... I have people giving me orders who are barely older than my son. Most Soldiers my age are senior Noncommissioned officers or officers, but because of my rank, I don’t fit in. I only share life’s experiences with them, not military structure.

“I figure I would bring this post to a close with a photo of me during a happier time. In my mind and in my actions I sometimes forget she exists, buried in order to survive a year here. But in my heart I know she is alive and waits the freedom bird that will take us home so she [this female Soldier] can be set free from her exile.”

More music followed the readings, culminating with an Armed Forces Salute honoring each branch of service. Service veterans in the audience stood while the song representing their branch of service played.

“This is my first time at an Army concert here,” said Lola Reis, newcomer to Sierra Vista. “This event exceeded my expectations and I’ll attend these [concerts] again.”

Sgt. Nancy Cowan, band public affairs officer, said there is a schedule of upcoming events on the band’s Web page at www.huachuca.army.mil/band.

“We do not have any more big productions like we had last night for a few months, but our country band, the “Peacemakers,” will be playing at Patagonia’s fall

fest, and I’m sure we have more gigs coming up,” Cowan said. “We are always playing at ceremonies and [at events] on post and in the local communities. We are planning on a Holiday Tour in December, and it will be a big elaborate show like last night’s {Aug. 22}. We will finish that tour in Sierra Vista,” Cowan said.



Top: The 36th Army Band and members of the 323rd Army Band, Fort Sam Houston, Texas and civilian musicians play for the crowd Aug. 22.

Above: Staff Sgt. Jim Gilbertson reads a letter written by Dickorean Waritch to Elmer Sutters, both World War I Soldiers, during the dramatic reading.

Military Intelligence – women have played key role since Revolutionary War days

By Lori Tagg

Command Historian, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca

On Aug. 26 1920, Congress ratified the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, declaring that all U.S. citizens, regardless of gender, were considered equal. After years of effort, women finally received the right to vote. Women took an increased role in politics and demanded the right to take a more active role in defending their country. Their quest for equality within the Army, however, would be a long road, but one often forged by the Military Intelligence branch.

Since the Revolutionary War, women have served with (but not in) the Army. This was illustrated by the case of Lydia Darragh, who spied on the British commander who kept his headquarters across the street from her home. During the Civil War, North and South alike claimed women spies such as Pauline Cushman, Harriet Tubman, Elizabeth Van Lew, Sarah Emma Edmunds, and Mary Elizabeth Bowser. Yet, despite their efforts, for more than 100 years, the only opportunity for acceptance into the U.S. Army was the Army Nurse Corps. Even in World War I, when the Navy and Marine Corps began accepting women into their ranks, primarily for clerical duty, the Army continued to rely on contracted civilian women to perform administrative tasks as needed.

The debate of allowing women in the Army led Congress to agree to a compromise in 1942 authorizing the establishment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. The WAAC became the Women's Army Corps in July 1943 and marked the first time women received equal benefits, pay, and military status. Throughout World War II, 350,000 women served with the military, 100,000 of them overseas.

The authorization of the WAC, however, limited them to non-combat assignments. In the face of manpower shortages, this relegated their purpose to "free a man to fight." Thus, more than 45 percent of WACs served in the Army Service Forces, which placed them in communications, administration, personnel, research and development, military intelligence, supply and logistics, transportation management, and military pay operations.

In the intelligence field, women served as photo interpreters and cryptanalysts. Code-breaking was an especially common assignment for WACs, thousands of whom were employed by the 2nd Signal Service Battalion, mainly at Arlington Hall Station, Va.; Vint Hill Farms Station, Va.; and Two Rock Ranch, Calif.

After the war, Congress again debated the issue of women in the military. Eventually, in 1948, it agreed to give them both Regular Army and Reserve status. Meanwhile, WACs were being admitted into the Counter Intelligence Corps School, which graduated its first six women in May 1947. Women such as Ann Bray, Mercedes Cubria, Dorothe Matlack, and Doris "Lucki" Allen continued to serve as lin-



U.S. Army Photo, courtesy of the Fort Huachuca Museum collection

In December 1942, the 32nd and 33rd Women's Army Auxiliary Corps detachments, made up of African-American women and led by African-American female officers, arrived at Fort Huachuca to support the 93rd Infantry Division. They passed in review on Brown Parade Field.

guists, intelligence analysts, cryptanalysts, and in other intelligence positions during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

By 1970, the Army Security Agency had 48 officers and enlisted WACs serving as cryptanalysts, traffic analysts, voice interceptors, and other positions in Thailand, Turkey, Japan, and several European countries. Eight years later, that number had risen to 88 officers and 1,203 enlisted. In fact, one-tenth of ASA's uniformed personnel worldwide were female.

By the 1970s, women had more than proven their worth to the Army, illustrated by the momentous occasion when, in 1970, Elizabeth Hoisington became the first woman in the Army to be promoted to brigadier general.

With the elimination of the draft, a decline in the number of male volunteers was more than balanced by increased numbers and opportunities for women in the armed forces. Oct. 20 1978, Public Law 95-584 disestablished the WACs as a separate entity and fully integrated its 50,549 enlisted and 2,626 officers into the U.S. Army. While women still faced some equality issues, the number of women in the Army continued to rise throughout the rest of the twentieth

century. By 2001, women made up nearly 16 percent of the Army.

Mirroring their rise through the ranks in the Army in general, women in military intelligence have made great strides since the days of Revolutionary War spy Lydia Darragh. Some key milestones:

- In 1978, the MI Branch had 415 female officers assigned. This was more than 10 percent of its total officer corps, a milestone the rest of the Army would not reach for 10 more years.

- By 2005, women constituted 18 percent of the officer, 12 percent of the warrant officer, and 18 percent of the enlisted population in MI.

- In 1997, Lt. Gen. Claudia Kennedy, the first female military intelligence officer to achieve the rank of general officer, became the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence.

- In 2005, the MI Corps celebrated its first female chief, Maj. General Barbara Fast.

- Between 1987 and 2004, 11 remarkable women were inducted into the MI Corps Hall of Fame.

These milestones, along with many others, proudly and assuredly emphasize that women have and will continue to play a key role in the Army's intelligence branch.

Advertisement

Advertisement

SV Farmer's Market open Thursdays

A unique shopping experience awaits patrons at the Sierra Vista Farmers Market. Aisles of locally grown produce are on display as well as items not ordinarily found in chain supermarkets. The farmers market is open every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 6 p.m. on the northwest corner of Wilcox Ave. and Carmichael Drive, Sierra Vista.

For more information, call 378-2973.

American Museum of Natural History

At 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 10, join Dawn Wilson, director of the Museum's Southwest Research Station in Portal, at the Carr House. She will explain what the New York based museum is doing in an Arizona Sky Island mountain range.

Carr House is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The center is operated by the "Friends of the Huachuca Mountains," a volunteer group affiliated with the Coronado National Forest.

Carr House is located about 2.25 miles up Carr Canyon Road, off Highway 92 adjacent to the Mesquite Tree parking lot. Turn right (west) and follow the road into the Huachuca Mountains. Bear left into the road fork into the parking lot.

Ephraim Figueroa reads poetry

The Sierra Vista Historical Society and the Sierra Vista Public Library present poetry reading by Ephraim Figueroa at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Sierra Vista Public Library, 2600 E. Tacoma St., Sierra Vista, in the Mona Bishop Room.

For more information call 458-4225.

'Revive Your Resume' class offered

Army Community Service will offer the "Revive Your Resumé" class, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at the ACS Building 50010.

This class provides hands-on instruction in writing

a traditional, internet and Resumix version of a resumé. This class is open to the public.

Pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Free puppetry workshop set

The Army Community Service "Kids on the Block" program will offer a free puppetry workshop from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Sept. 11.

The class teaches a Japanese form of Banraku Puppet Theater. Students can use the knowledge they gain to put on puppet shows for their children, or they can volunteer for the KOTB program. KOTB is an educational puppet troupe that puts on puppet shows for area children on a variety of social issues and safety topics.

For more information, call Mary Lamphere at 533-3883 or ACS at 533-2330.

Unit sponsorship training offered

Good sponsorship is an important factor in the quality of life of the inbound Soldier and family members.

Let Army Community Service assist your unit in training effective sponsors. Sponsorship training will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 12 and 1:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at the ACS Building 50010.

To register, call ACS at 533-2330.

Reunion Workshop provided

Army Community Service offers reunion workshops for Soldiers and family members who have been geographically separated due to the military mission. These workshops provide the opportunity to discuss some of the emotional aspects of reuniting with a family member.

The next workshops will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at the ACS Building 50010.

Please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

Fall xeriscape tour planned

On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., join Water Wise and Master Gardeners for a free self-guided tour of five

local homes that display low water use landscapes (xeriscapes). Docents will be at each yard to answer questions and plant lists will be available. Call the Cooperative Extension Office for location listings.

For more information, contact the Cooperative Extension Office, 458-8278, x 2141 or www.ag.arizona.edu/cochise/waterwise.

Watercolor classes offered

The Huachuca Art Association, a non-profit organization is offering the following art classes for adults. The classes are specifically designed for all artistic skill levels from beginner to experienced.

Pat Dunbar, award winning watercolor artist will offer instruction in beginning watercolor Sept. 9 and 10th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Huachuca Art Association Gallery, 3818 Astro Street, Hereford.

Registration deadline is Sept. 1. Space is limited. The cost is \$60.00 for either day, all supplies included.

For information contact Pat Dunbar at 803-1786.

Community Spouses' Club luncheon

Join Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club on Sept. 20 for the monthly luncheon at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center. Social hour begins at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is served at 11:30 a.m., at a cost of \$11. The guest speaker is Michael Strait, Executive Director, Habit for Humanity.

The "We Care" project for September is the 86th Signal Battalion's Yellow Ribbon Room, which will provide an atmosphere for fun and support for the family members while their Soldiers are deployed. Donations of the following are welcomed: DVDs or VHS tapes (new or used), sanitizers, changing pads, puzzles, crayons, coloring books, construction paper, glue sticks, safety scissors, story books, toys, boardgames, playing cards. and furniture. Please bring any donations to the luncheon.

Reservations are required. Contact Leslie Torres at 439-9163 or leslietorres@cox.net by noon, Sept. 15. Child care is available on first-come, first-served basis.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

Today -7 p.m.

My Super Ex-Girlfriend
PG-13

Friday -7 p.m.

John Tucker Must Die
PG-13

Saturday -7 p.m.

Lady in the Water
PG-13

Sunday -2 p.m.

John Tucker Must Die
PG-13

Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Watch CAC

The Commander's Access Channel is your channel. We provide a window to the military community that you live in. Committed to the value of community television we are your source for military news and local information. We share in your successes and connect you to the events that are shaping your future. We're your channel.... Cable 97.



Where's Wettie?

Identify Wettie the Waterdrop's location in the photo and e-mail or call your answer in to the Scout.

All correct answers received by noon on the Monday after the photo

is published will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

The winner's name will be published in the Scout on Thursday, along with the correct answer about Wettie's location and the water-saving tips that led to the Water Wise visit to that specific location.

E-mail your best guess to:

thescout@hua.army.mil or call 533-2714 and leave your name and phone number.
GOOD LUCK!

This contest is sponsored by the Fort Huachuca Water Wise and Energy Smart program and The Fort Huachuca Scout.



Youth football season opens

Col. Jonathan Hunter, Fort Huachuca garrison commander, presents a game ball to Frank Valdez, head coach of the Mighty Might Colts during the opening ceremony of Sierra Vista American Youth Football and Cheer Association Saturday at Bujalski Field.

The ceremony drew 459 football players and cheerleaders along with families and friends who packed the stands at the field just outside of Barnes Field House.

The youth football season kicks off Sept. 9. The Sierra Vista Association will play teams from Bisbee, Benson, Douglas, Huachuca City, Nogales and Willcox.

The Sierra Vista Association team will play all their home games on Geronimo Field near Fort Huachuca Youth Services, Building 49013.



Photo by Thom Williams

Advertisement

Advertisement

Advertisement

Advertisement